

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are pending in this application after amendment, of which claim 1 has been amended. Claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 2-4 and 8-10 have been withdrawn from consideration. No new claims have been added.

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract for various informalities which have been corrected in this response.

Claims 1 and 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,185,926 to Locke (hereafter "**Locke**") in view of U.S. Patent 2,562,104 to Kobler et al. (hereafter "**Kobler et al.**").

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Locke discloses a multiple foil and cutting blade assembly for electric dry shavers. Contrary to the Examiner's assertions, FIGS. 1-9 do not show any convex curve of the outer blade foils 22, 23, 24 in the longitudinal direction, as claimed in the instant application. FIGS. 1, 4 and 9 of **Locke** clearly show a straight foil shape in the longitudinal direction.

Kobler et al. has been cited for teaching a radius of curvature of 50 to 220 mm for the curvature of the cutting surfaces of the cutting head, but it is respectfully submitted that **Kobler et al.** is not combinable with **Locke** to teach the present invention because **Locke** discloses straight, uncurved outer blade foils in the longitudinal direction.

Furthermore, **Kobler et al.** fails to teach, mention or suggest an outer blade of C-shaped cross-section, and is therefore silent on the radius of curvature of 1.5 mm to 35 mm, as recited in claim 5.

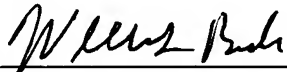
Accordingly, claim 5 has been canceled and its limitations added to claim 1. Thus, the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1 and 6-7, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is respectfully solicited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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